

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 24 with the following rewritten version:

-- The spool 2, disposed between the two side plates 15 and 16, is a bobbin form having flanges at either end. The spool 2 is rotatively carried by the first and second side covers 11 and 12 on the reel body, and is connected to the handle 3 via a torque-transmission mechanism not illustrated herein. The torque-transmission mechanism includes a lever-drag mechanism not illustrated herein. By setting the drag force with the lever-drag mechanism, the torque-transmission mechanism is put into a state in which the torque-transmission mechanism is connected to transmit the rotation, and also rotation in the line reel-out direction is prevented. Further, by releasing the drag force through the lever-drag mechanism, a free-rotating state is achieved, whereby any rotations including rotations in the line reel-out direction are allowed. A drag lever 5 is pivotally fitted to the second side cover 12 and extends toward the side of the reel body on which the mounting pod 21 is provided, as shown in Figure 1. The drag lever 5 sets the drag force of the lever-drag mechanism. --